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SUBJECT: (S) EFFORTS BY NORTH KOREA TO PROCURE CONTROLLED
MACHINE TOOLS FROM A FIRM IN SWITZERLAND

REF: A. BERN 524
 1B. STATE 107520

Classified By: A/DCM Richard A. Rorvig; reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. (S) Juergen Boehler, Head of the Export Control Licensing
Division of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
(SECO), contacted poloff on October 21 regarding the attempt
by a North Korean firm to obtain a machine tool from Swiss
firm Schaublin Machines (reftels). Boehler expressed
appreciation for our bilateral cooperation and reported to
poloff that the Swiss government had stopped the export in
question.

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